



**KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2005**

Members Present: Jenna Henderson Joan Clement, Michelle DiMiscio, Tim King

Members Absent: Dana Boales (excused), Linda Brown (excused), Nancy Code (excused), Dan Foley –nominee (excused), Roger Goodman (excused), Larry Hill (excused), Mary Alice Knotts (excused), Narayan Gangadhar-nominee (unexcused) Yasmin Smith (unexcused)

Guests Present: Cathy Speelmon, Seattle Counseling Services; Suzanne Wietting, Fairfax Hospital; Bob Leonard, DASA Region 4

Staff Present: Geoff Miller, Rhoda Naguit, Jim Vollendroff

In lieu of Board Chair Linda Brown who was out of town and due to unavailability of Vice Chair Nancy Code, Joan Clement presided the board meeting. Joan convened the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board at 12:12 p.m. The meeting was held at Olympus Room of DASA Region IV offices, located at 400 Mercer Street, 6th floor, Seattle.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Joan Clement welcomed everyone present and asked that they introduce themselves.

II. MINUTES

Due to lack of quorum, review and approval of the August 18, 2005 board minutes was tabled.

III. DISCUSSION – LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Joan Clement stated that legislative priorities for chemical dependency have not been formalized. There was a proposed plan to conduct an email discussion on legislative priorities for CD prior to the board meeting which did not materialize.

Several CD advocate groups have issued their legislative priorities for the forthcoming legislative session. We will gather all these materials and develop our top three legislative priorities for the 2005 Legislative Forum.

Joan Clement expressed a strong support for funding of mental health services.

The Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee will meet on September 22, 2005, 4:00-5:30pm at the Exchange Building Conference Room 6A.

IV. RECOVERY GARDEN UPDATE

Andy Sheffer of Seattle Parks and Recreation will be honored at the Annual Exemplary Service Awards Ceremony on September 28th in recognition for his vital contribution in making the Recovery Garden Project a reality.

To date, only 50 cobblestones have been sold. There are 200 more cobblestones available. A brief discussion followed on marketing strategies. There was a suggestion to have brochures in Spanish.

V. CD SHORTAGE WORKGROUP REPORT

Board Chair Linda Brown, Jim Vollendroff and Geoff Miller joined a group of stakeholders from Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA), Association of County Human Services (ACHS), Department of Health (DOH) and provider organizations on September 6, 2005 at a meeting to discuss the issue of chemical dependency (CD) counselor shortage. It was learned that the Association of Addiction Providers (AAP) has developed a white paper on this complex issue. The King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board is developing its own white paper in an effort to clearly outline the issues that surround the CD shortage. It was also discussed that it might be an opportunity to partner with DASA Advisory Board and other county and provider organizations' advisory boards.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

A. Board Liaison Reports

Joan Clement, Chronic Populations Action Council (CPAC) and Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB)

At the last CPAC meeting, Bill Block was introduced to the group. He is the new director for Committee to End Homelessness in King County (CEHKC). Dave Murphy gave a CJTA update. CPAC will be transitioning over the fall and winter into the Adult Homelessness work group that will be convened and chaired by Lynn Davidson.

The meeting of the Mental Health Advisory Board last September 13, 2005 focused on the impact of funding cut on Medicaid and non-Medicaid services in King County. About 9.3 million clients in King County are non-Medicaid. Refugees and undocumented clients will be most affected with this funding cut. Joan strongly supports funding for mental health services. The Division will hold a financial meeting with providers to address this issue.

B. Response from Fred Garcia

Fred Garcia, DASA Office of Program Services Chief, sent a response to the Board's letter regarding bed allocation for the Recovery Centers of King County. He

stated that money is a statewide resource therefore if there is any bed allocation King County will receive its share of bed allocation.

VII. DRUG/ALCOHOL COORDINATOR'S REPORT

A. Sobering Center Work Group

This workgroup was established as a result of \$100,000 funding cut from the City of Seattle and the pending opening of Downtown Emergency Services Center's (DESC) 1180 Eastlake facility. There will be available 75 units at this facility. Jim will be making recommendations to the board about changes to the operation of the facility as a result of the recommendations of the workgroup.

B. Funding

With the closing of this biennium, King County received \$100,000 from unused money from Region I. Thanks to Harvey Funai for making this fund allocation to the county.

C. Treatment Completion Rate

The Division has sent back the agreement for a 48% treatment completion rate to DASA.

Individual site visits in 2006 will include the treatment completion rate and retention rate of each of our agencies.

D. Access to Treatment (ATR) Update

The program is looking for innovative services, including the use of alternative medicine to reduce craving for alcohol.

VIII. VOICES OF RECOVERY VIDEO

The showing of the recovery video was rescheduled at the board planning retreat on November 15, 2005.

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Recording Secretary

Joan Clement
Board Member